REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) 23 E.S.C. 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for the commund examination of a utility or propagation filed on or after June 8, 1995.

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Application Number	09/966,389	Y
Filing Date	September 27, 2001]
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Group Art Unit	1742	
Name of Examiner	IP, SIKYIN]
Attorney Docket No.	020960]

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53 (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be aligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar 20, 2000) 1233 Off. Gazette Pat

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	ii.		Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on		
	iii.		Other		
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3.	Fe	es Ti	the RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.		
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	i. I	J Ro	CE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e)		
	ii. C) Ext	ension of Time Fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)		
	iii.	⊠ Oth	her <u>additional extension of time fee or any other additional fee</u>		
b.	⊠ (Check	in the amount of \$750.00 is enclosed to cover the basic filing fee.		

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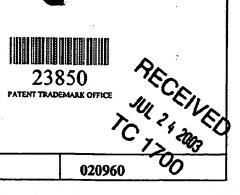
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